

## January Contreras

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January Contreras was appointed by Governor Janet Napolitano as the Acting Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). In this role, January is responsible for leading ADHS in its work to protect and improve the health of Arizonans. ADHS serves the public in many ways including advancing disease prevention, providing behavioral health services, planning and preparing for public health emergencies, and enforcing safety and patient care standards at health care facilities.



Prior to her current role, January served as Governor Napolitano's Health Policy Advisor. In this role, she worked with the leadership of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and the Arizona Department of Health Services, as well as community leaders and health professionals to advance health issues in Arizona.

Prior to the Governor's appointment, January served as an Assistant Director at AHCCCS. There she was responsible for managing federal relations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, legislative relations, tribal relations, and federal projects and research. She also was responsible for analysis and coordination of implementation of federal laws and policies. January also previously served as the Chief Legislative Liaison at AHCCCS.

Prior to joining AHCCCS, January served as an Assistant Attorney General in the AHCCCS Fraud Control Unit under the leadership of the Attorney General Napolitano. She prosecuted provider fraud, as well as cases involving the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults. January also served as a Deputy County Attorney for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

January currently serves on the Governor's Children's Cabinet, as well as on the Board of Directors for Arizona Health-e Connection and Los Abogados, the Maricopa County Hispanic Bar Association. She previously served on the Board of Directors for Mujer, Inc. She also volunteered on the Advisory Board of Gamma Alpha Omega at Arizona State University. In addition, she served on Attorney General Napolitano's Latino Advisory Board and the Encanto Village Planning Commission.

January earned her degrees the University of Arizona.